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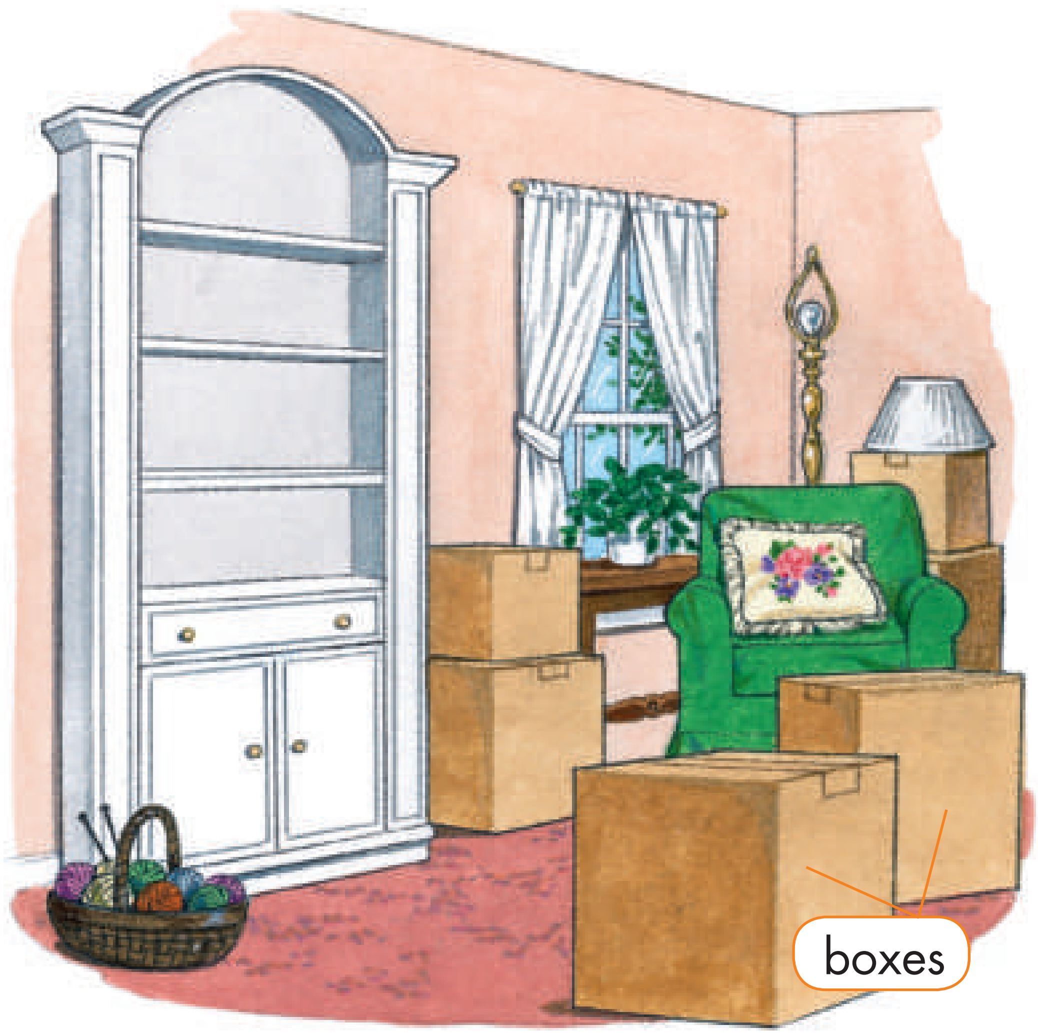
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Jake and Pam walked into Grandma's
new apartment.
They saw boxes everywhere.
Grandma asked them to help her.



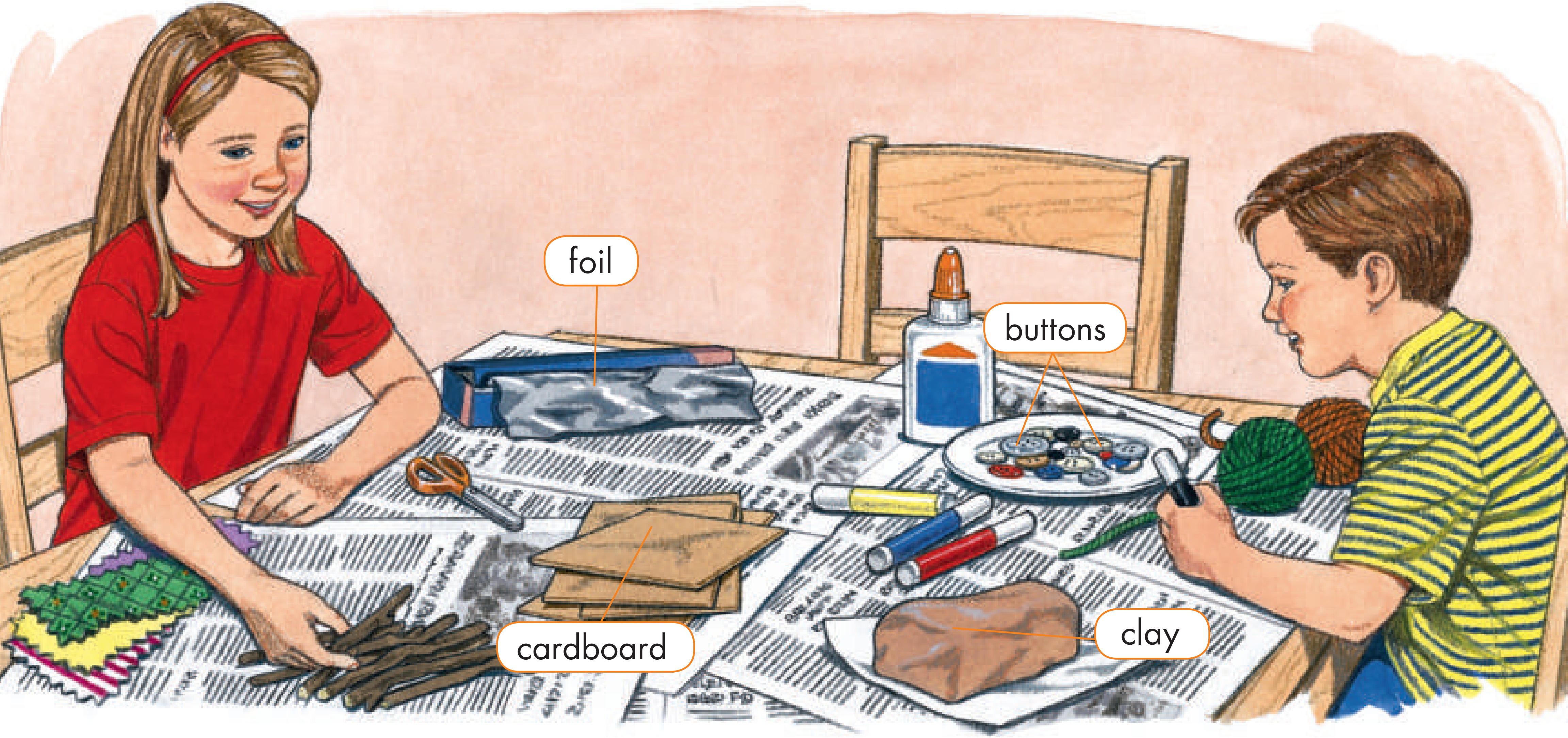
Grandma opened a big box.
"These are my treasures," she said.
"Please put these special things on the
shelves. Be careful."
Jake and Pam started to work.



"This looks funny," Jake said.
"Why do you keep it, Grandma?"
"It is special to me," Grandma said.
"Your mother made it. She was just a
little girl then. I think it is pretty."



Jake and Pam looked at the little man.
"Grandma likes this," Jack said.
"Mom made it," Pam added.
"Why don't we make something for
Grandma?" she asked.



Jake and Pam went home.
They wanted to make something special.
"What can we use?" asked Jake.
"Whatever we find," Pam answered.

Jake and Pam found many things to use.
They found foil and cardboard.
They found clay and sticks.
They found buttons in bright colors.
They made something for Grandma.



They gave the artwork to Grandma.
It looked like a little house.
Grandma put the artwork on the shelf.
"Every day I will see it," she said.
"It is a great work of art!"

Talk About It

1. Why does Grandma think the "little man" is special?
2. Why does Grandma like the artwork by Pam and Jake?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, draw a picture of something you can make for a special person. Write about it.

Extend Language

Pam and Jake's mother also has a mother. She is Pam and Jake's grandmother. What is the short word for grandmother that Jake and Pam say?

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